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FORMER MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER SENTENCED FOR CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT AND MANUFACTURING CHILD PORN

Convicted sex offender used a hidden camera to videotape boys in locker room

DETROIT – A former Warren middle school teacher was sentenced yesterday to five to 20 years in prison following an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Aaron Brevik, 33, of Clinton Township, a former teacher in Michigan and Minnesota was sentenced by U.S. Circuit Judge Donald Miller in Macomb County Michigan Court to one count criminal sexual conduct 2nd degree, and one count of child sexual abusive activity.

Acting on leads generated from earlier seizures and credit card information from a Belarus-based Internet child-porn company, ICE agents executed a federal search warrant at Brevik's residence in June. Agents discovered numerous videotapes and seized two computers. ICE forensic analysis of Brevik's computers uncovered more than 900 images of child pornography. Review of the videotapes showed that Brevik hid a video camera in a bag to film young boys changing clothes in locker rooms, using showers and the restroom. One-videotape showed Brevik molesting a boy as he slept.

Brevik resigned his teaching position after the ICE investigation and the allegations of his misconduct.

"Using ICE's unique expertise and authority to keep sexual predators and child pornographers away from Michigan's children is a special role that we take seriously," said Brian M. Moskowitz, special agent-in-charge of the ICE Detroit Office of Investigations. "It's satisfying to know that the joint efforts of ICE and our local law enforcement partners in this investigation have made our communities safer for kids."

Warren Police Department arrested Brevik in the fall of 2004, following the ICE “Operation Predator” investigation. Operation Predator is a nationwide ICE initiative to protect children from sexual predators, including: those who travel overseas for sex with minors, internet child pornographers, criminal alien sex offenders, and child sex traffickers. Since Operation Predator was launched in July 2003, ICE agents have arrested more than 5,300 individuals, including 133 in Michigan.

The president and technical administrator of the Belarus-based child pornography and money-laundering enterprise both pleaded guilty March 1 to running the operation, which catered to untold thousands of subscribers worldwide. Seven others in the company had also previously pleaded guilty. The ICE-led investigation resulted in the arrest of more than 1,200 child-porn website subscribers.

ICE encourages the reporting of suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. Investigators staff this hotline around the clock. Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

Warren Police Department assisted ICE with this case. Molly Zappitell of the Macomb County Prosecutor’s Office prosecuted the case.

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